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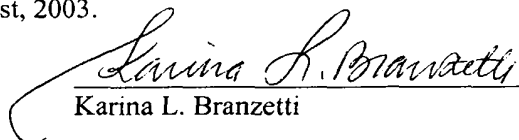
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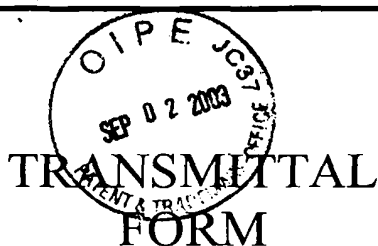
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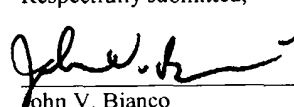
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office communication mailed from the Patent Office on August 4, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and entry of this Amendment and Response. In the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment and Response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Amendment and Response.

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